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Dear Blohesion,

You guys blow.

Dear Mike,

Thanks.

Have A Question?

Cohesion wants to help!

Having problems sleeping because of your loud refrigerator makes ice all night?

Having second thoughts about becoming a Scientologist?

Have you found yourself eating entire tubs of Hummus in a single sitting?

Not understanding Physics?

How about that rash you got last week and it still hasn't gone away?

Those dreams you've been having about that time in third grade when you pissed your pants on the bus and Maggie Jackson made, let's just say, too big of a deal out of the situation (but now she has two kids and never finished high school. Looks like you lucked out on that one).

Send us your* problems or questions, we will do the best we can to help.

*all names will be anonymous (for our sake, not yours)

Students Flee to Woods in Search of Greener Pastures

Mina Pink
Professional Five-Year-Old

An intrepid group of freshmen from Grand Valley State University have moved out of their dorms to relocate in the wooded ravine that runs through part of the Allendale campus. Before leaving campus housing for good, their "leader" Charlie Monsoon related their reasons for the move to his RA:

"We needed a place where we could truly go green. We are oppressed while living in campus housing. We don't understand why boycotting electricity and indoor plumbing is frowned upon."

The true nature of the "Ravine Commune" is shrouded in secrecy. Not much is known about the whereabouts or size of the community. Though when they emerge from hiding to attend class, the members (nicknamed Greenies) may be identified by their smell and the presence of leaves in their hair. It is suspected that the Greenies relocate often as to avoid capture by DPS. It is also rumored that the faculty in the geology department may have a clue to the Greenies' whereabouts, but none would come forward for an interview.

Realist Horoscopes
Reed Bramble

Aries: Your only form of rebellion today will consist of you aggressively hurling your straw into the "No Plastics" container after lunch. Sticking it to the man. You will take the bus home from class today, only to realize you biked to class this morning. Have a nice trip back to Lake Ontario.

Taurus: Today, you realize that you have never been recognized in a form of public media in your entire life. Tragic, isn't it? You will consider many options to fix this dilemma, such as becoming a YouTube video sensation, trying out for the football team, and learning to ride a unicycle. But you will ultimately decide to go the easy route and ride back and forth on the cross-walk in hopes of being hit by a van. The Lanthorn eats that shit up.

Gemini: You know how windy it is outside, yet you still decide that using an umbrella is a good idea. Your umbrella will suffer the consequences of your ignorance. You will once again have the grand opportunity of watching the omelette guy in Fresh only put one scoop of Insta-Egg into your skillet. It's two scoops, omelette guy. Two scoops. You will eat it anyway despite the omelette only being 20% egg.

Cancer: Today, your professor will encourage you to print off two slides per page instead of one in order to save the trees. At the same time, the woods by Calder will wiggle with delight at the news that their deaths will be more productive. You will download the latest version of iTunes and click "Agree" to the new Apple Terms and Service Agreement. Too bad you didn't actually read it, otherwise you would have known why your bank account has been slowly dissolving over the past month.

Leo: Whenever you go to the bathroom today, your piss will be green. But don't worry, it could be a good thing. You could be the Hulk. Or a leprechaun. Or maybe flowers will sprout from wherever you choose to urinate. But you probably just have a urinary tract infection. Trust me, I'm only a handful of years away from being a doctor.

Virgo: Despite living in Michigan for your entire life, you will freeze to death as a result of forgetting to bring your winter coat with you to college. You thought you could make it through with your hoodie from high school and cargo shorts, didn't you? Man, when denial hits, it hits hard. Your roommate knows about your plot to kill her, and she is prepared to respond accordingly.

Libra: You will fail your annual goal of attempting to find the one girl on campus who thinks No-Shave November is hot. And no, people aren't going to think that stain on your shirt is just "part of the shirt design." While waiting for the bus at Campus West, four 48's will go by before a 37 shows up. What is wrong with the world?

Scorpio: Today, the extremely attractive female that sits across from you in lab still doesn't like you. Midterms are over, man. Send home the boys. Maybe you should take down that life-size poster of Shakira in your room, too. It's about time her hips stopped lying to you. And never, ever, wear that cologne again. It smells like Allendale in the springtime.

Sagittarius: Today, your computer will lie to you and say that you have one hour and forty minutes of battery left, only to die fifteen minutes later. You will go out and purchase a baseball cap, not because you like baseball, not because you have any affiliation to the team whatsoever, but because you still have that high-school fascination with flat-brimmed hats. You ran the dishwasher without soap again. Idiot.

Capricorn: God doesn't hate you. He's just disappointed.

Aquarius: On this day, you will feel lonely. Is it because every significant other you have seems to change their sexual orientation? No, it's because all your Grand Valley friends have M.I.P.'s and you do not. So what do you do? Transfer to any other university in the state of Michigan, and get some new friends that don't have M.I.P.'s. Because believe it or not, the rest of the world doesn't take life so seriously. But I guess that's why we are the best school in the nation, right?

Pisces: On this day, while flipping through the kids' television shows on a weekday morning, you will become instantly depressed upon learning that Cookie Monster from Sesame Street now only eats fruits and vegetables for health reasons. And Spongebob's IQ leveldropped about 100 points in ten years. And there are no Pokemon you recognize in the 87th reboot of the show. Is there no hope for the children of tomorrow?

Has Going Green Gone Too Far?
Precious
Kitty litter tester

Professor Davis Schneiderman and Dr. Zebediah Dooger of Lake Forest College have developed a new machine that has shocked not only the "green" community, but the FDA and even some hippies.

The Amaz-a-tastic Self-Conflagrating Shit-Hole Wonder Machine recycles human waste and reconstructs it back into edible food. In a hands on demonstration, Professor Davis Schneiderman walked me though the process, "This lump of shit will be taken into the ass of the machine, like an especially unpleasant vinegar enema, and after 'processing' in reverse, return to its original state: a savory meal of radioactive-seed white asparagus, thick sirloin gristle cubes sautéed in port-wine sauce, aluminum flambé flavored with union-made polycarbonate, and for desert: pre-processed snack-like amalgamate bar in the shape of a chocolate dung beetle, peppered with cellophane nougat. Low in carbohydrates if you're watching your figure."

"We've constructed a machine that demonstrates our tendencies."
–Professor Davis Schneiderman

Grand Valley is considering adding these "green" meals to the menu at the Connection starting this winter semester. It is rumored that everyone who orders a "green meal" will be given a limited edition "green" bumper sticker.

The Grand Valley Student's Against Ignorance club will be giving out shots of olestra oil, burritos, WOW chips, and Diabetic Chocolates next Tuesday from 2pm-4pm in Kirkof in support of Dooger and Schneiderman's new technology. A short demonstration of how the machine works will shortly follow (volunteers are welcome and needed). Cohesion's film team will be there to document this perhaps "too-green" invention.

For more information about the Amaz-a-tastic Self-Conflagrating Shit-Hole Wonder Machine, the book Drain, which is a documented history of the machine by Davis Schneiderman, is for sale on Amazon.com

The Pee Bee
Reginald Watts
Official Spring breaker

Along with replacing all the ice dispensers on campus with dry ice, collecting tears from the Alpha Zeta Alpha house and re-routing them to the fountain behind Kirkhof, Grand Valley has replaced all of the urinals in the men's bathrooms to waterless urinals to conserve water.

Upon the initial installation of the new urinals, there was concern that the men of Grand Valley would complain about the constant old pee smell in all of the bathrooms because of not being able to flush the urinals. However, they are dealing with the smell because of one defining feature of these waterless urinals, proving to be popular among the wang-wielders of GV: the pee bee.

About four inches up from the drain on every urinal, there is a little black and white bee painted onto the porcelain to encourage proper aim so most of the pee goes down the drain and not onto the floor, where a janitor would have to waste water cleaning it up.

"I love peeing on the bee," one student said. "It's like I'm coloring it in, only sometimes I go outside the lines."

"I skip Trig most Monday's to take a leak on the pee bee," said another.

Everyone who was asked about the pee bee admitted to feeling a great enjoyment for spraying it with their stream. Even some women expressed an interest in wanting a pee bee in their toilets. I guess there is a little R. Kelly in all of us.

Carillon CD in Memoriam

With the sounds of birds dying with the season, Grand Valley's Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, University Carillonneur, offers a masterpiece intended to resurrect the feathered creatures.

Earlier this year, Grand Valley released "A Carillon Celebration on the Cook Carillon," an album organized as part of Vanden Wyngaard's annual series. This year's collection, commemorating the Cook Carillon towers for university's 50th anniversary, included songs commonly heard from the campus icons, as well as compositions from local composers.

Shortly after the announcement of the release, a hopeful new student organization on campus, Horticulture, Ornithology, or the Like, suggested that reparations be made for the humanitarian sins of the past. In an impassioned interview with Cohesion, HOOTL expanded on their concerns.

"The clock towers are an environmental hazard," remarks Daisy Jenkins. "Not only are they noise pollution to the natural habitats around campus, but they also kill birds."

The incident the organization was referencing was uncovered by PETA in February of last year. A small sparrow that had become lodged in the gears of the tower expired before maintenance officials could reach it. Jenkins appeared in front of the student senate last Monday with HOOTL's proposal: "All we want is a memorial for the dead."

Out of the Clock Tower, a candlelight vigil, is scheduled for this Thursday at 7 p.m.

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